# IRONDALE NEWSLETTER

Summer 2014

How much has your donated Canadian Tire Money amounted to?

Turn to page 2 to find out.

Have you heard?

**ARE YOU A POSTAGE HERO ?**

**Thank You to Norman Wheeler for contributing towards mailing costs.**

## Where Were You?

There was a fair bit of apprehension on the part of some couples. Twelve brave souls answered questions in the March 22nd **Not-So-Newlywed-Game**. The couple with the most answers matching won tickets to the April 12 Fish Fry.
What kind of questions got asked? They were mild, very mild.

Questions for the Ladies —
1) The saying "opposites attract must be true because my husband and I couldn't be any more different when it comes to ____.
2) Every wedding has something to go wrong. What detail at your wedding didn't go as planned?
3) Where did you share your first kiss?
4) What is your husband's most irritating habit?
5) If your husband won $5,000, what would he want to spend it on?

Questions for the Men —
1) If your wife could have unlimited access to any store, what store would she choose?
2) If your wife could send you to the body shop for a tuneup, which body part of yours would she want worked on?
3) What is your wife's favourite comfort food?
4) If you could have a second honeymoon, where would your wife want you to take her?
5) your wife was married to a tv/movie star instead of you, who would she want it be?

The answers we got were very unique, not at all what was expected. A good time was had by all. There was some talk of doing this again, with a different theme.

Thanks everyone for participating.

## The Kott Cottage Story

*Submitted by Tom & Joan Kott*

Our cottage is notorious for the "steps". Yes, there are ninety five (maybe ninety six), up to the cottage on the hill. Our cottage, bunkies and boat house were built at various times in the past by my Grandfather, John J. Snor.

From what we can deduce from records, the main cottage was built sometime in the thirties though the property was not surveyed until 1940.

My Grandfather was reasonably well-to-do so he hired local tradesmen to build all the buildings, carve out pathways and build stone rockeries and walls.

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## Highland Food and Beverage Showcase

This is a unique opportunity you will not want to miss out on next summer, an exciting new experience in Haliburton County. Your attendance will give you the privilege of taste testing various foods and beverages offered by local Haliburton County business owners.

See page 3 for more info.

Chew & Chat for Charity!

**Kott** *continued from page 1*

In those days there was no hydro, so lighting was by coal oil lights, heat and hot water via the cook stove and water via rain barrels. My grandfather paid a "local" to carry up water in pails from the lake daily so they had fresh water for drinking and cooking. Before the proliferation of cottage septic tanks, lake water was considered safe to drink.

My mother, Marie Kott (nee Snor) took possession of the cottage after my grandparents passed away. I can clearly remember, the first thing Mom and Dad did was put in a gasoline water pump at the lake and get hydro installed around 1961. We forget what inflation does to our buying power but Mom only paid $100 to have the cottage wired in those days!

A bit more about my Grandfather, John J. Snor. He bought Bark Lake before the cottage was built on what was then Devils Lake. My parents and siblings used to vacation at Bark Lake in the mid 40's. Back in those days it was a long and arduous trek up to the log cabins on the point (they still exist to this day).

My Grandfather later sold the property to the Ontario government for development into the Bark Lake Leadership training centre. As most people know, the government has since sold the property.

When my grandparents moved to Canada with their three daughters - Jane, Helen and Marie, they settled in the Bradford area.

Through his connections with government officials, my Grandfather was hired in 1933, to bring Dutch settlers to the Holland Marsh. These settlers were to use their drainage and muck growing experience in developing the Holland Marsh as farm land.

On the east side of Hwy 400 there is a small settlement called *Ansorveldt.* It was named after my Grandfather and translates as "On Snor's field".

My parents have both passed away and through various estate dealings, my wife and I now own the cottage. We fully intend to pass it on to our boys so they can continue to enjoy what is truly a special lake in the Haliburton Highlands.

Kott Cottage circa 1930's

Igniting Rural Communities

SPARC

Through Performing Arts

April 24—27th, 2014 in Haliburton County

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*Have You Heard The Latest?*

*Bark Lake Cultural Developments has an awesome raffle running at the moment!*

*Prizes awarded 10 am Thanksgiving Monday*

*See page 5 for all the excitement*

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## Please save your Canadian Tire Money

Since our last newsletter, the generosity of Michael St. Thomas, Raquel Linton, Fred Simmons, Dorothy Simmers and Richard Lichty, donating their Canadian Tire money, our total now sits at

**$191.90**

Every little bit helps!

**Thank You!**

The Hall at Irondale's Heritage Church building will receive some upgrading. Your Canadian Tire money will go a long way in purchasing brighter light fixtures, plumbing and electrical materials, paint, etc.

Please turn your Canadian Tire Money into any Bark Lake Cultural Development board member or mail it to

B.L.C.D.
P.O. Box 113
Irondale, ON K0M 1X0

## Food & Beverage cont'd from pg 1

The Irondale area was well represented at this year's event, held June 21 at Wintergreen Pancake Barn in Gelert.

Fred Simmons served up venison chunks to those willing to try it. Carol Simmons talked about Irondale's history and sold Raffle Tickets. There were pictures, books and a powerpoint presentation for those interested to watch.

130 people came through the gates shortly after they opened and stayed for the duration of the event—taking in all the goodies and information that the 14 vendors offered; listening to the continuous music and comedy routines scheduled and checking their bids on the many silent auction items.

$1,400 was raised for the local food bank and $3,600 for the H.A.V.E. (help a village effort) charity.

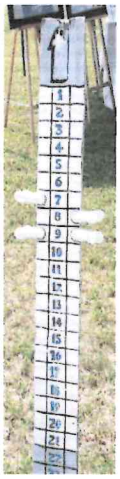
One lucky guest walked away with a prize basket worth over $250 in product, certificates, etc.

Chris Whittemore of Irondale was that lucky recipient!

Watch for your invitation to the June 2016 edition.

## Gooderham Horseshoes—Aug 2, 2014

Irondale was represented at the 33rd Gooderham Horsehoe Tournament on the Saturday of the long weekend. Ron Barr gave a little history of the event—in the beginning it was called Gooderham Little Brown Bottle Day, included live music and a dance. 31 people came out to enjoy the sunshine and throw some shoes.



Most of the games were close, the odd one a clear run away.

The semi finals and the final game garnered loud cheering & comical commentary from those gathered to watch in the grandstands. Great day. The organizers should be proud. Irondale thanks all for the opportunity to share in the festivities and cash!

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye**
**Mark Your Calendars, Don't Miss Out!** This here is your **Calendar of Events**

May 17— Bark Lake Cultural Developments Raffle tickets go on sale for exciting prizes. Join us for a Community BBQ (by donation) at the Irondale Church property.

June 7— Victorian Tea, $15 pp - 11:30 sitting
Irondale Community Centre
Homemade fancy sandwiches, scones & jam, delectable desserts, tea/coffee - tiered plates, real china, fabric napkins & tablecloths.

June 21— Highland Food & Beverage Showcase, *Chew & Chat for Charity* at Wintergreen, 3325 Gelert Rd.,

June 28— Christmas in June - Craft Sale
9 am - 3 pm at the church
— SDLCA Fireworks on the Lake, dusk

July 12 — Wild Game Dinner, Galway Hall
Tickets still $20

July 18-20—Minden Bluegrass Festival,
Minden Fairgrounds

July 26, 27—Irondale Community Centre's Annual
3 Pitch Baseball Tournament—
food, hospitality tent—family fun

August 1—Haliburton Moonlight Madness
Haliburton's Main Street

August 2—Gooderham's Horseshoe Days,

August 2—SDLCA Annual General Meeting
Irondale Community Centre, 10am

August 3—47th SDLCA Annual Canoe Race, 12 noon

August 8—Metis Artifact and Symbolism Presentation,
Irondale Church, 2pm — Presented by
Metis Nation of Ontario

August 9—Wilberforce Agricultural Fair
Check local newspapers for schedule

August 15, 16—Haliburton County Fair
Check local newspapers for schedule

August 17—join us @ 11 am at the church for **FREE BBQ**.
Help us celebrate our 2nd anniversary!

**IRONDALE WILL BE REPRESENTED WITH A DISPLAY AT EACH OF THESE EVENTS.**

Igniting Rural Communities
SPARC
Through Performing Arts

The performing arts are vital to the well-being of rural communities. That is why a collaborative of Haliburton Highlands groups has come together to host a four day symposium on how to spark the growth of theatre, music, dance and media arts outside the urban areas. Called SPARC (Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Canada), the event is the first of its kind in the country and is already attracting attention from across Canada and beyond. SPARC is sponsored by the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands, Conjurors of County Town, Highlands Summer Festival, Dusk Dances Haliburton, Forest Festival, Haliburton County Folk Society, Sticks and Stones Productions (formerly Highlands Media Arts) and Those Other Movies and the host facility – Haliburton School of the Arts—Fleming College Campus.

I had the pleasure of attending many of the seminars & workshops that weekend. Both as paid participant and as a volunteer. It was great to pick up such useful info and make some fantastic contacts!

As you know the Bark Lake Cultural Developments organization is offering the 'church' space as a unique venue for workshops, films, poetry readings, music, Toastmaster competitions, and more.

If you know someone or a group/organization that is looking for 'performance' space, please pass them my contact information— listed on the last page.

Thank You, Carol Simmons

## Just In Case ...

We forgot what the weather was a few months back and one of the topics of the last issue.
The photo was titled 'Winter Laundry'. Remember mom telling you it would freeze dry?

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**www.IrondaleOntario.ca**

## Uncle Fred's Garden

A small group of ambitious individuals have started a community garden on the Irondale Church property. Some would call it a test project. Plans got started a little later than ideal, however I understand the vegetables are coming up and maturing nicely.
If you find yourself with a few minutes of spare time, you are encouraged to slip over, pull a few weeds, then help yourself to a bit of the produce.

Lorne & Sue Buckingham, Fred & Manny Albert pause to survey their initial ground breaking.

## Fighting Fire

—a conversation with Bert Gostlin of Lindsay

At one time Bert Gostlin worked at the Philips Sawmill in Kinmount. It was located where Walstens Marine is today. He remembers the boss coming to him one day—early 1950s—telling him the mill was closing for a day or more. All employees were to go to Irondale to help fight the huge forest fire.

The men were handed shovels and told to 'dig the dirt off the rocks'. He remembers thinking 'that is an odd thing to do.' There was always lots to eat, all stew, but lots of it and good.

In his travels to different areas to help fight the fire, he come across a small lake. Needing a rest and hoping to catch trout that he could see in the lake—he took a safety pin and string he had in his pocket and caught something he could use for bait.

Unfortunately our conversation was cut short—I don't know if he caught himself a trout or not that day.

Thank You Bert for stopping by and sharing your memory!

***Fred & Carol met Bert Gostlin when he stopped by the Irondale display at the Minden Bluegrass Festival.***

# Win Your Choice!

**2 bedrm cottage**
**Prince Edward Island**
**on river, near**
**Alberton, PEI**
$ 750 value

**Week accommodation**
**Nova Scotia**
**in private home,**
**in Great Village, N.S.**
$ 600 value

**Queen Size Quilt**
**'Purple Paradise'**
**Hand Appliqued,**
**Machine Quilted**
$ 1.000 value

Coleman

**Camping Equipment**
**tent, sleeping bags,**
**lantern and chairs**
$ 550 value

**$5 each—3 tickets for $10**
**proceeds - Irondale's Heritage Church**
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## Prize as awarded - no cash value

**Drawn 10 am - October 13, 2014**
**Irondale's Church, 1019 Elm Rd**

**Tickets available by phone 705-457-8438, mail ( see pg 6), from any B.L.C.D. director and the I.B.O. General Store.**

## "Ask Your Neighbor"

***What's the topic 'round the card table this Wednesday?***

***You can never tell.***

***Come out for friendly Euchre***
***7pm to 9pm***
***$2 per person***
***Refreshments served***

## Blueberry Picking

"As a kid back in the early 1950's, Dad would take my brothers, Uncle Francis and me to Irondale to pick blueberries. We would go into the field near the Gelert road, marked by a pine tree. We would go to the farmhouse and park the car by the barn.

Dad would take his gallon vinegar jug with about two or three inches of tea in it and fill it with water from the spring. This is what we drank while picking.

Us kids each had two six quart baskets while dad and Uncle Francis had 4 -11 quart baskets. We would go up on the rocks and pick blueberries. Dad said we each had to pick two baskets. One before lunch and one after lunch, before we could eat all the blueberries we wanted.

One particular day there was a thunderstorm. While we waited under the tree for the storm to pass over, Dad and Uncle Frances kept on picking berries.

What berries we didn't keep for ourselves, we sold them to the tourists on Balsam Lake. Ray used to sell his to Grant and May Benson for about one dollar for a six quart basket They were farmers and Ray used to go over and help them farm.

Before us kids were old enough to pick blueberries, dad and Uncle Francis would take the weekend and go over when the blueberries were good and pick all day, carry their 11 quart baskets back to the barn where they would stay over in the barn, pick all the next day , then come home and sell the berries that they picked.

*Ray Hutchinson -*
*When I lived at Corson's Siding, Bexley Twp.*

Thanks Ray for your great story. Looking forward to others you wish to send me.

***Carol met Ray Hutchinson when she volunteered at the Minden Agricultural Society's Annual Beef BBQ. She was wearing her www.IrondaleOntario.ca jacket and was asked what the website was about.***

## On A Computer Near You …

## Check out the website

## www.IrondaleOntario.ca

## History of Aprons

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material.

- But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.
- It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.
- From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.
- When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.
- And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.
- Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.
- Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.
- From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.
- In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

- When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.
- When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.
- It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.
- They would go crazy today trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron—but love.

**Annual Baseball Tournament**—Saturday & Sunday, July 26 & 27, Irondale Ball Field

The weather man cooperated to make the Irondale Community Centre's Annual Ball Tournament a successful event. Seven teams took part, representing players from all points within Haliburton County as well as Oshawa, Barrie, Toronto and parts in-between.

Chris James kept a watchful eye on the scores while George Simmons umpired the entire weekend.

Everyone had a fantastic time, lots of laughter, families of all ages sharing the opportunity to enjoy each other, a couple nights camping, singing around the campfire, telling stories and sharing photos. The weekend ended with a double rainbow appearing in the sky over the last game.

**First Place Winners**
Find out who they are on pg 8

**Runner Ups**

Find out who they are on pg 8

## ... Coming Up

**Annual General Meeting of the Irondale Historical Society**

**Sunday August 31, 4pm to 5pm**

**Irondale Comunity Centre**

**All Board Members & Individuals with a current 2014 paid membership should attend.**

**Uncertain as to whether you are a paid up member ~ call Carol at 705-286-3588**

**Irondale Community Centre's Annual Dinner**

**September 27, 2014**

**held this year at the Gooderham Community Centre**

**Lots of Auction Fun**
**A Not To Be Missed Event!**

**$15 per person**

**More info & to purchase tickets Call 705-447-2380**

**Third Annual**

# THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

October 10
I.B.O. General Store
Irondale

October 11
Lucky's Garage
Kinmount

Both days from 10 am to 3 pm.
Get there early for best selection.

Butter Tarts
Cookies
Fruit Pies
Meat Pies
Scones
Dessert Loaves

Advance orders can be placed by calling 705-457-8438.
Be sure to leave a message.

**Cut These Out. Post Them On Your Fridge.**
**You Won't Want To Miss The FUN & EXCITEMENT !!**

**Bark Lake Cultural Developments**

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**~Rentals~**

Irondale Church for your next function? contact Glenda 705-447-2679 or Carol 705-457-8438

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**Irondale Community Centre**

Advisory Committee
of
Minden Hills Council

Committee members -
Jean Neville (Councillor)
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**~Rentals~**

Rentals for the centre or the big tent can be booked thru
Barry Simmons 705-447-2380

← **Runner Up Team**

Left to Right
Back row -
Mike Pockett, Kori Consack, Brianne Pockett, Josh Thompson, Kristen Thompson, Kyle Grove, Dalton Morrison, Cory Barry
Front row—Mandy Swinson, Andy Donaldson, Andrew Cooper

**First Place Team** →

Left to Right
Back row—
Scott Danilko, Craig Smith, Mike Hamilton, Owen Smith, Jake Walker, Alex Monk-Cray
Front row—
Jean Neville, Councillor; Melanie Lynn, Tammy Smith, Cheryl Smith-Hamilton

**Yes, I could use a week's vacation in Prince Edward Island or Nova Scotia. I could stay warm with the quilt in winter and use the camping equipment come summer.**

I would like to purchase _____ ticket(s) to increase my odds of winning one of the prizes in the Bark Lake Cultural Developments Raffle as described on page 5.

I have enclosed my cheque for $ _____ understanding tickets are $5 each, or 3 for $10. Please make cheque payable to the Bark Lake Cultural Developments .

My preference for prizes are (please list)

1)_____ 2)_____

3)_____ 4)_____

My name is _____

Mailing address _____

_____Postal Code _____

Telephone number _____

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Mail your completed order form and payment to P.O. Box 113, Irondale, Ontario K0M 1X0

Your tickets will be mailed to you. **Thank You for your support.**

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I want to help preserve Irondale's traditions and its history.

Please send me a receipt for my donation of

$25 $50 $75 $100 or $_____

Name

Mailing Address

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Make your cheque payable to
Bark Lake Cultural Developments
Mail to P.O. Box 113, Irondale, ON, K0M 1X0

## Please Donate

The Bark Lake Cultural Developments is now a registered charitable organization with the Canada Revenue Agency.

Your will receive an Official Tax receipt when you donate that can be used on your Income Tax Forms.

Charitable Registration Number:
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